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Ramshorn Pond Dam has a maximum height of 25 feet and is approximately 560 feet long. Generally the dam is considered to be in fair condition. The test flood is equal to ½ the PMF. An outflow of 2,670 cfs would overtop the dam by 1,4 feet.

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#### BRIEF ASSESSMENT

Identification No.: MA00145

Name of Dam: Ramshorn Pond

Town: Millbury

County and State: Worcester County, Massachusetts

Stream: Tributary of Blackstone River

Date of Inspection: June 12, 1978

Ramshorn Pond Dam which was originally constructed around 1825 is an earthfill dam. The dam has a maximum height of 25 feet and is approximately 560 feet long. The outlet conduit is a 24-inch diameter pipe controlled by a rack and pinion operated gate valve. The spillway consists of a mortared stone paved channel that discharges into an earth channel. Wooden flashboards 19 inches high are located on the spillway crest.

There are no plans, specifications, or computations available from the Owner, County, State, or Town offices regarding the design, construction, or repairs of this dam except for three drawings included in Appendix B showing proposed modifications.

Due to its age, Ramshorn Pond dam was neither designed nor constructed by current approved state-of-the-art methods. Based upon the visual inspection at the site and a review of the limited engineering data available, there are areas of concern which must be corrected to assure the continued performance of this dam. Generally, the dam is considered to be in fair condition. However, there are several visible signs of distress which indicate a potential hazard at this site: slight seepage at the downstream toe of the dam, a pool of water on the downstream toe, erosion on the upstream face and downstream face of the dam, small

trees and brush on the dam, minor accumulation of debris in the spillway channel, slumped riprap on the upstream face, leakage of the gate valve stem, a large animal burrow and numerous chipmunk holes on the dam face.

There are several factories and numerous residences located about 3,000 to 4,000 feet downstream from the dam. In the event of dam failure, many lives could be lost and appreciable property damage would occur.

Hydraulic analyses indicate that the existing spillway without flashboards can discharge a flow of 770 cubic feet per second (cfs) at Elevation (El) 631.7 which is the average top of the dam. An inflow test flood of 2,040 cfs (one-half of the probable maximum flood) would overtop the lowest point on the main dam by about 0.2 feet. The spillway capacity is inadequate for the 100 year storm unless the flashboards are permanently removed and the walkway above the flashboards is eliminated. Freeboard is inadequate and raising the dam should be considered.

In the event of dam failure, a possible hazard does exist for the downstream inhabitants. Because of this hazard potential and the lack of available design and construction data, it is recommended that the Owner employ a qualified consultant to investigate the seepage and pool of water at the downstream toe and to conduct a more detailed hydraulic and hydrologic study. In addition, erosion of the upstream and downstream face should be repaired and riprap replaced and/or repaired to prevent continued deterioration of the dam. Also, it is recommended that the Owner remove the brush and trees on the dam, clear all debris from the spillway, and fill in all animal burrows.

The above recommendations should be implemented within a period of 1 to 2 years after receipt of the Phase I Inspection Report. An alternative to these

recommendations would be draining the reservoir and breaching or removing the dam.



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This Phase I Inspection Report on Ramshorn Pond Dam has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgment and practice, and are hereby submitted for approval.

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#### PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for a Phase I Investigation. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

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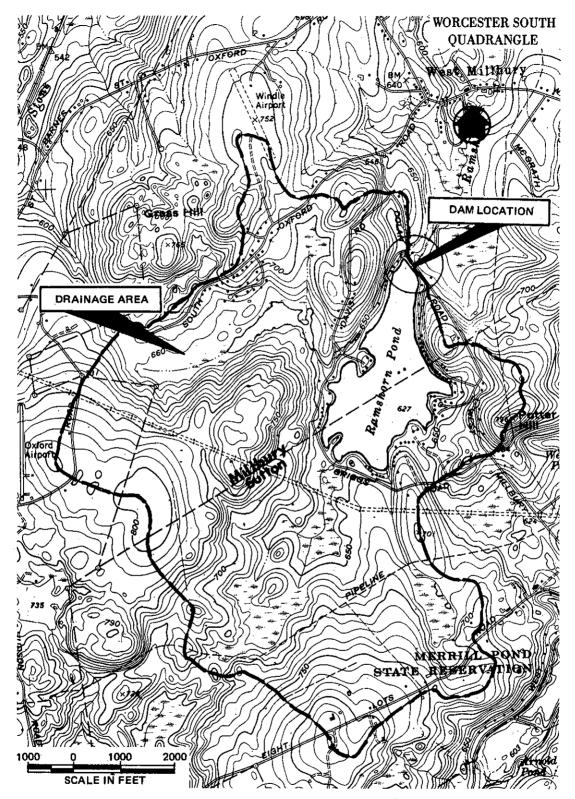
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# OVERVIEW RAMSHORN POND DAM MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS



DAM CREST (DOLAN ROAD) AND RAMSHORN POND

LOCATION AND DIRECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN ON FIGURES IN APPENDIX B



LOCATION MAP - RAMSHORN POND DAM

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#### RAMSHORN POND

#### SECTION 1

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

#### 1.1 General

Authority. Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a national program of dam inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Metcalf & Eddy, Inc. has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of Massachusetts. Authorization and notice to proceed was issued to Metcalf & Eddy, Inc. under a letter of May 3, 1978, from Ralph T. Garver, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-78-C-0306 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

#### b. Purposes

- (1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-Federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-Federal interests.
- (2) Encourage and assist the States to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-Federal dams.
- (3) To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

#### 1.2 Description of Project

a. Location. The dam is located in the Town of Millbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on

Ramshorn Brook, a tributary of the Blackstone River. Approximately 50 percent of Ramshorn Pond and its drainage area is in the Town of Sutton.

Bescription of Dam and Appurtenances.

Ramshorn Pond Dam is an earthfill dam approximately 560 feet long and 25 feet high (see Appendix B, Figures B-1, B-2 and B-3). The dam crest is Dolan Road which is paved and relatively straight. The dam has a maximum crest width of 21 feet and has upstream and downstream slopes of 2:1 (horizontal to vertical). The upstream slope is riprapped while the downstream slope is earth and covered with grass, trees and brush. At the end of the outlet conduit the slope is maintained by an 8-foot high vertical mortared stone headwall.

The spillway, situated near the northern end of the dam, is 18 feet wide and 5.2 feet deep under Dolan Road, with a concrete and stone headwall on the upstream face. The spillway crest elevation is 625.5. The upper 120 feet of the spillway channel is paved with stone and is comprised of a sloping section and a stepped section, and 2-foot high mortared stone retaining walls. Below the paved section, the spillway discharges into an earth channel. Wooden flashboards 19 inches high are located on the spillway crest.

Outlet control for the dam is a 24-inch diameter pipe which extends from the upstream face of the dam to a mortared stone headwall on the downstream face about 140 feet south of the spillway centerline. Invert elevation at the outlet is 609.4. The gatehouse, which is recessed in the downstream slope of the dam, consists of a small wooden shed covering a circular dry stone well 7.5 feet in diameter and 6.5 feet deep. Inside the locked gatehouse is a platform of wooden planks built around the handwheel-type rack and pinion gear, which operates a gate valve on the outlet conduit.

- c. Size Classification. The maximum height of the dam is about 25 feet. The maximum storage of Ramshorn Pond is 2,200 acre-feet, which places this dam in the "intermediate" category.
- d. Hazard Classification. The community of West Millbury is located less than 1 mile down-stream from the dam. Most of the lower Ramshorn Brook area between Dolan and West Main Street is meadow and swamp land. How-ever, in the event of dam failure, the flood wave could cause extensive damage downstream and, possibly, could cause considerable loss of life. Therefore, the dam has been placed in the "high" hazard category.
- e. Ownership. The dam is presently owned by the Massachusetts Electric Company, 939 Southbridge Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01610. Mr. Barry Huston, District Superintendent (617-791-8511) granted permission to enter the property and to inspect the dam and the gatehouse.
- f. Operator. The Massachusetts Electric Company has the key for the lock on the gatehouse and has personnel who are the only operators for the dam.
- Purpose of the Dam. The dam was originally g. constructed as a storage dam for the Blackstone Canal Corporation. Subsequently, it was controlled by the Ramshorn Pond Co., an association of 21 mills downstream of the dam that used the water. Eventually, American Steel & Wire Co. and the Worcester Electric Light Co. shared responsibility for the dam. By 1960, Worcester Electric Light had joined Massachusetts Electric and was using the pond as storage for cooling water at the Webster Street Power Generating Station in Worcester. That station has since been closed down, and although Massachusetts Electric maintains the dam, they no longer use the water stored behind it. Presently, the pond is used for recreation by local residents.

Design and Construction History. There are no plans, specifications, or computations available from the Owner, County or State offices relative to the design or construction of the dam as built in 1825. Records at the Worcester County Engineer's office indicate that the dam was rebuilt and raised in The core wall was constructed of chestnut planking and had puddled fill. An 1896 plan of the dam filed with the County Commissioners on behalf of the Ramshorn Pond Co. shows a straight, short (90 feet), narrow spillway and a 30-inch outlet pipe through the dam (see Figure B-1, Appendix B).

Records at the Worcester County Engineer's office state that in about 1915, the spillway was rebuilt with a substantial cutoff wall placed near the centerline of the dam. Until 1939, only minor changes and repairs were made to the roadway and dam, including repairs made to the spillway apron at the embankment toe, additional riprap to the upstream face, and brush and tree removal from the spillway channel and the downstream slope. The 1939 plans (Figures B-2 and B-3 in Appendix B) show the present dam configuration although the number and arrangement of flashboards has been modified.

Normal Operational Procedure. Since the Webster Street power station is closed, Massachusetts Electric has no further use for the water in Ramshorn Pond. Currently, the procedure is to maintain the recreational level of the pond as a service to local residents. This is done by seasonally opening and closing the gate valve on the 24-inch outlet pipe which passes under the dam embankment.

The spillway at Ramshorn Pond is ungated. The only restriction to flow besides the flashboards is the walkway above the flashboards and the bridge over the spillway. The flashboards existing at this time are 1.6 feet above the spillway crest. Previous inspection reports on file at the Worcester County Engineer's office show that the height of the flashboards in the past has ranged from 1 to 3 feet, and for some periods the

flashboards were missing altogether. It was indicated that the flashboards may be removed in the event of hurricane warnings.

#### 1.3 Pertinent Data

- a. Drainage Area. The drainage area above Rams-horn Pond Dam is approximately 1,550 acres (2.4 square miles) of gently rolling wood and swampland. Development is limited to housing on the perimeter of the pond and along Milbury and Eight Lots Roads, the only two major roadways passing through the drainage area.
- b. Discharge at Dam Site. Uncontrolled discharge above El 627 flows over the flash-boards and down the 18-foot wide concrete spillway. The spillway, which has a crest elevation of 625.5 feet, is 5.2 feet high at the upstream end (under Dolan Road). The spillway channel slopes for about 90 feet, decreases in elevation in steps to El 611 where the paved channel and stone masonry sidewalls end. From there, the flow discharges into an earth cut channel that flows roughly parallel to the dam crest and joins Ramshorn Brook below the outlet.

The spillway without the flashboards can discharge an estimated 770 cfs at El 631.7 which is the average top of the dam. An inflow test flood of 2,040 cfs (half of the probable maximum flood) will overtop the lowest point on the main dam by 0.2 feet.

The maximum flood at the dam site is unknown, however, past inspection records state that the dam was overtopped in the 1938 flood and that the dam crest had to be sandbagged. This overtopping could have been the result of wave action. Further, the records show that in the 1955 floods the water flowed about 4 feet above the spillway crest and did not overtop the dam.

- c. Elevation (feet above MSL (Mean Sea Level)).

  A benchmark elevation of 627 at the top of the flashboards was estimated from a United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map.
  - (1) Top dam: 631.5 to 633.5
  - (2) Maximum pool-design surcharge: 631.5
  - (3) Full flood control pool: N/A
  - (4) Recreation pool: 627 (top of flash-boards)
  - (5) Spillway crest (ungated): 625.5
  - (6) Upstream portal invert diversion tunnel: N/A
  - (7) Stream bed at centerline of dam: 607.9 (Invert of outlet conduit)
  - (8) Tailwater: 609.9 (Outlet conduit closed)

#### d. Reservoir

- (1) Length of maximum pool: 4,400 feet
- (2) Length of recreation pool: 4,400 feet
- (3) Length of flood control pool: N/A

### e. Storage (acre-feet)

- (1) Recreation pool: 2,200 (Approximate)
- (2) Flood control pool: N/A
- (3) Design surcharge: 770 at El 631.7 (Above spillway crest El 625.5)
- (4) Top of dam: 3,000

## f. Reservoir Surface (acres)

(1) Top dam: 125

- (2) Maximum pool: 125
- (3) Flood-control pool: N/A
- (4) Recreation pool: 125
- (5) Spillway crest: 125

#### g. Dam

- (1) Type Main dam: earthfill
- (2) Length Main dam: 560 feet
- (3) Height Main dam: (maximum) 25 feet
- (4) Top width: 21 feet (Dolan Road)
- (5) Side slopes Main dam: Upstream 2:1; downstream 2:1
- (6) Zoning: Unknown
- (7) Impervious core: Chestnut Planking along centerline 20 feet puddled fill (1873)
- (8) Cutoff: Unknown
- (9) Grout curtain: Unknown

#### i. Spillway

- (1) Type: Broad crest
- (2) Crest length: 18 feet
- (3) Crest elevation: 625.5 Top of flashboards: 627.0
- (4) Gates: None
- (5) Upstream Channel: Concrete headwalls
- (6) Downstream Channel: 18-foot wide mortared stone with 2-foot high training walls steps down to earth channel
- (7) General: Spillway channel makes sharp 90 degree bend about 100 feet from dam.

Regulating Outlets. The only apparent regulating outlet is a 24-inch diameter outlet conduit which extends from a point 40 feet into Ramshorn Pond, passes under the dam embankment and outlets at a masonry headwall. The invert of the conduit outlet is at El 610.2. The gate for the conduit is opened by means of a rack and pinion mechanism inside the gatehouse; water flows through the conduit into a small stilling pool that was about 1.7 feet deep at the foot of the headwall during the inspection. From the pool, water flows approximately 50 feet downstream where it joins flow from the spillway channel. Further downstream, the brook flows through a low wooded area and swampland.

#### SECTION 2

#### ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 There are no plans, specifications, or computations available from the Owner, State, or County offices relative to the original dam built in 1825. A tracing of an 1892 Dam Plan was obtained from the Worcester County Engineer's office showing a spillway and a 30-inch outlet pipe (Appendix B, Figure B-1). Subsequently, major changes were made to the dam in 1939 without the approval of the County Commissioners. Two drawings of the rebuilt dam showing a Dam Plan and Profile along Dolan Road, and a Plan of the Spillway and Dam Section were obtained from the Worcester County Engineer's office. The 1939 plans show the dam much as it is today (Appendix B, Figures B-2 and B-3).

Other data used for this evaluation included review of previous inspection reports and conversations with the Owner and personnel from Town, State and County agencies.

The information available is such that the assessment of the condition of the dam must be based primarily on the visual inspection and the past operational performance of the structure.

We acknowledge the assistance and cooperation of personnel of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works: Messrs. Willis Regan and Raymond Rochford, and of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, Division of Waterways: Messrs. John J. Hannon and Joseph Iagallo.

Also, we acknowledge the cooperation and assistance of personnel from the Worcester County Engineer's Office: Messrs. John O'Toole, Joseph Brazauskas, and Mr. Wallace Lindquist - recently retired from county service.

Further assistance was provided by personnel of the Massachusetts Electric Company: Messrs. Barry Huston, Denton Nichols, and Robert Jeniski; and Mr. Christopher D. Baker, Aide to the Millbury Planning Board.

- 2.2 <u>Construction Records</u>. There are no detailed construction records available other than the drawings included in Appendix B.
- 2.3 Operation Records. No detailed operation records are available, and there is no daily record kept of pool elevation or rainfall at the dam site.
- 2.4 Evaluation. The data acquired are considered adequate for this Phase I Inspection and Evaluation.

#### SECTION 3

#### VISUAL INSPECTION

#### 3.1 Findings

- a. General. The Phase I inspection of the dam at Ramshorn Pond was performed on June 12, 1978. A copy of the inspection checklist is included in Appendix A. Periodic inspections of this dam by others have been made since 1924. A listing of these inspections is in Appendix B. Inspections were made by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in 1972 and 1975—copies of their reports are included in Appendix B. In addition, early inspection reports were reviewed at the Worcester County Engineer's office.
- b. The dam is an earthfill embankment with a bituminous concrete roadway on the crest. The upstream face of the dam is riprap that shows signs of slumping. In addition, the top of the upstream slope has gullies caused by runoff from Dolan Road. Photograph C-4 in Appendix C shows the amount of deterioration on the upstream side of the crest and the buckling of the fence. It appears that an attempt to protect the slope and the fence was made by paving the slope with asphalt. The riprap at and below the present water surface appears to be in fair to good condi-Generally, the upstream face was clear of debris, with only small trees, brush and shrubs growing on it.

Erosion from surface runoff was also noted on the downstream face, particularly around the bridge over the spillway, and at the southern end near the right abutment. Further down the slope, a small seep exists that appears to be flowing at less than 1 gpm (gallon per minute) north to the outlet channel. Also at the toe of the right abutment, a small (8 by 12 foot) pool of water stands below a partially overgrown stone wall. The 1975 inspection report (Appendix B) suggests that this was once part of a stone box sluice, but no reference to it appears on the 1939 plans.

Seepage is also evident at the outlet head wall, and halfway down the downstream face between the spillway and gatehouse, where a very large area was moist and soft.

There is a large animal burrow on the downstream face and numerous chipmunk holes. The dense vegetation - weeds and bushes growing on the downstream face of the dam prohibits a detailed inspection. Consequently, not all burrows or holes may have been detected.

Appurtenant Structures. The outlet conduit c. is a 24-inch diameter metal pipe. upstream end of the pipe is submerged, but according to the 1939 plans, extends 40 feet into the pond to a granite headwall. At the outlet end is a mortared masonry head wall, 8 feet high and in fair to good condition. pipe appears to be flattened at the crown. Water from the outlet conduit discharges into a small pool that shows an accumulation of silt. From the pool, water normally flows downstream to join the water in the spillway There is some evidence of a backchannel. flow from the spillway channel to the pool.

The gatehouse structure is in fair condition, although the foot path to the entrance is very steep on the downstream face. Mr. Robert Jeniski of Massachusetts Electric unlocked the fence to the gatehouse and demonstrated that the rack and pinion mechanism was operable. There was, however, water and silt in the bottom of the gatehouse, and water leaking around the packing for the stem and casing. The gate valve was not visible and no further information concerning it is available.

The spillway headwall has minor cracks in the concrete (see Photographs C-1 and C-2, Appendix C). Two flashboards (bottom ll-inches high, top 8-inches high) were braced by five evenly spaced iron pins. There were gaps between the flashboards where water is spilling through. There is also minor erosion on the concrete at the southern end of the flashboards. The concrete under

the bridge is deteriorating, as are the concrete curbs on either side of the roadway. The spillway channel is in good condition, although there is some debris and vegetation in the channel. On the north side of the channel there is a 5-inch drain in the training wall from which water flows at an estimated 5 gpm. The source for this flow is unknown. There are small trees overhanging the lower earth spillway channel.

- d. Reservoir Area. The reservoir and drainage area is lightly populated with most of the development concentrating on the perimeter of the pond and along South Oxford Road. Work has begun on two new subdivisions off Dolan Road but the rest of the drainage area is chiefly wood and swampland with slopes ranging from 5 to 11 percent.
- e. Downstream Channel. Water from the spillway and the outlet conduit flows down a stream channel in a wooded area then into an open swamp. There is a second smaller dam at the mill pond near West Main Street that appears to be abandoned. From there, the stream flows through a stone channel under West Main Street and continues through woodland to Pondville Pond, about two miles downstream.
- 3.2 Evaluation. The above findings indicate signs of distress at the dam that require attention, particularly the riprap at the upstream face and the seepage areas on the downstream face. It is evident that the dam is not properly maintained and that deterioration will continue unless action is taken. Recommended measures to improve these conditions are stated in Section 7.

#### SECTION 4

#### OPERATING PROCEDURES

- Procedures. Representatives from Massachusetts Electric Co. have informed us that there are no operating procedures at the dam since they have no use for the water from it. The outlet conduit is opened periodically in the fall and closed in the spring to regulate the water surface elevation for local residents upstream and downstream. At the time of the inspection, the outlet was closed.
- Maintenance of Dam. The Owner does not have a definite maintenance and inspection program. However, we understand that several visits to the dam are made each year with particular attention paid to the condition of the spillway, flash-boards and upstream face. In 1975, the Massachusetts Department of Public Works recommended erosional damage on the crest and upstream face be repaired to prevent continued deterioration. At the time of the inspection, it appeared that minor paving repairs had been made to alleviate the erosion along the fence on the upstream side of the crest.
- 4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities. The rack and pinion mechanism for opening the gate valve is operable. Information from the Worcester County Engineer's office is that repairs were made to the gate in 1963. However, there is leakage around the stem to the gate valve and standing water on the floor of the gatehouse.
- 4.4 Description of Any Warning System in Effect.
  There are no warning systems in effect at this dam. However, Mr. Robert Jeniski stated that in the event of hurricane flood warnings, the outlet conduit would be fully opened to lower the reservoir.
- 4.5 Evaluation. The program of inspection followed by the Owner should be expanded and made systematic, since this dam is in the high hazard category. Although some maintenance has been done, it appears to be limited to minor repairs.

#### SECTION 5

#### HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

#### 5.1 Evaluation of Features

Design Data. The Probable Maximum Flood a. (PMF) rate was determined to be 1,700 cfs per square mile. This calculation is based on the average drainage area slope of 6 percent, the pond-plus-swamp-area to drainage-area ratio of 17.5 percent, as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' guide curves for Maximum Probable Flood Peak Flow Rates (dated December 1977). Applying one-half the PMF to the 2.4 square miles of drainage area results in a calculated inflow test flood of 2.040 cfs. By adjusting this inflow for surcharge storage, the maximum discharge rate was established as 770 cfs, with a water surface at El 631.7 which is 0.2 foot above the lowest point on the dam crest.

A 100-year storm frequency is estimated to be about 600 cfs based on three different procedures as detailed in Appendix D. The spill-way without flashboards can discharge this rate with the pond at El 630.8. The existing spillway without flashboards can discharge a flow of 750 cfs at El 631.5 which is the lowest point on the dam crest.

- b. Experience Data. Limited experience records are available for this dam. Past inspection reports state that the dam was overtopped in the 1938 flood and the dam crest had to be sandbagged. Also, records show that in the 1955 flood the water flowed about 4 feet above the spillway crest and did not overtop the dam.
- c. Visual Observations. The total dam structure consists of about 560 feet of earthen embankment, with a spillway section about 100 feet south of the northern end and a 24-inch outlet pipe passing under the dam about 250

feet south of the northern end. The outlet pipe discharge is regulated by a gatehouse which is recessed into the downstream face of the dam.

The spillway is about 18 feet wide, and is walled and paved for approximately 120 feet. The spillway crest is El 625.5 based on an assumed benchmark El 627 top of flashboards. The crest is raised some 19 inches by wooden flashboards, supported by vertical pipes. New flashboards and pins were installed in the spring of 1977. A steel walkway extends across the spillway opening about 2-1/2 feet above the flashboards and is apparently used to place and remove the flashboards. A highway bridge crosses the spillway just downstream of the crest and its bottom beams are about 5-1/4 feet above the crest or 3-3/4 feet above the top of the flashboards. spillway slope includes three vertical drops and should discharge flows without any adverse backwater.

At the end of the paved spillway there is about a 2-foot drop to an earthen channel, which makes a 90 degree bend southward for 110 feet to another 90 degree bend easterly to join the original stream. The earthen channel is about 50 feet east of the toe of the dam, and is about 4 feet deep by 12 feet wide.

d. Overtopping Potential. Overtopping of the dam is barely expected under an inflow test flood of 2,040 cfs; as noted previously, however, the records on overtopping indicate that the dam was overtopped during the 1938 flood but was not overtopped in 1955. Figures B-2 and B-3 in Appendix B show the dam was raised about 2 feet in 1939.

In the event of overtopping, complete failure of the dam could occur. A flood wave due to dam failure could cause significant loss of life and appreciable property damage.

The outflow discharge rate under failure has been calculated as about 10,500 cfs which produces a flood wave 8.7 feet high, at a point 3,200 feet downstream from the dam.

#### SECTION 6

#### STRUCTURAL STABILITY

#### 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

a. Visual Observations. The evaluation of the structural stability of Ramshorn Pond Dam is based on the visual inspection conducted on June 12, 1978. As discussed in Section 3, Visual Inspection, there were several visible signs of distress.

Based on these observations, our judgment is that Ramshorn Pond Dam is a potential hazard. It is our opinion that static stability conditions are probably marginal and that conventional factors of safety do not exist.

It is recommended that a more detailed investigation be initiated to evaluate the seepage and pool of water at the downstream toe of the dam.

b. Design and Construction Data. Discussions with the Owner, Town, County, and State personnel indicate that there are no plans, specifications, or computations relative to the design, construction, or repairs of this dam other than the three drawings attached as Figures B-1, B-2, and B-3 in Appendix B. Information on the type, shear strength, and permeability of the soil and/or rock materials of the dam embankment does not appear to exist.

It was learned that this dam was originally built in 1825, probably of local soil or rock materials. As discussed in Section 1, Paragraph 1.2.h, changes were made in the dam in 1873, 1915, and 1939. As noted in Figure B-2, the cutoff consists of chestnut planking driven along the centerline and for a distance of 10 feet either side. The fill was placed in layers and puddled.

c. Operating Records. There is no evidence of instrumentation of any type in Ramshorn Pond Dam, and there is nothing to indicate that

any instrumentation was ever installed in this dam. The performance of this dam under prior loading can only be inferred by previous records and physical evidence at the site.

- d. Postconstruction Changes. There are no as-built drawings for Ramshorn Pond Dam. There have been significant modifications to the original dam since 1825 as noted in discussions above. Changes to the dam in the spring of 1977 consisted of new flashboards and pins. Also it appears that some minor paving was done on the upstream to repair washout and to prevent further erosion.
- e. Seismic Stability. This dam is located in Seismic Zone 2. Since static stability conditions are marginal, the dam is particularly vulnerable in the event of an earthquake.

#### SECTION 7

## ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

#### 7.1 Dam Assessment

a. Condition. Due to its age, Ramshorn Pond Dam was neither designed nor constructed according to current approved state-of-theart methods. Based on the visual inspection at the site, and the limited engineering data available, there are areas of concern which must be corrected to assure the continued performance of this dam. Generally, the dam is considered to be in fair condition, however, as noted previously, there were several signs of distress observed at the site: slight seepage at the downstream toe of the dam, a pool of water on the downstream toe, erosion on the upstream face and downstream face of the dam, small trees and brush on the dam, accumulation of debris in the spillway channel, slumped riprap on the upstream face, leakage around the gate valve stem, and a large animal burrow and numerous chipmunk holes on the downstream face.

Hydraulic analyses indicate the existing spillway without flashboards can discharge a flow of 770 cfs at El 631.7, which is the average top of the dam. An inflow test flood of 2,040 cfs will overtop the lowest point on the main dam by about 0.2 feet. previous records at this site indicate the dam at its present elevation was not overtopped in the 1955 floods, it is unlikely that this is a serious potential hazard. However, it is not known what the pond elevation was prior to the storm. Possibly the pond was at a seasonal low elevation thereby providing sufficient storage to lessen the effects of the rainfall. Also the pond level may have been intentionally lowered because of the impending storm. Further, it is not known whether there were any flashboards on the dam at the time of the storm.

- b. Adequacy of Information. The information available is such that the assessment of the condition of the dam must be based primarily on the visual inspection and the past operational performance of the structure.
- c. <u>Urgency</u>. The recommendations outlined below should be implemented within one to two years after receipt of the Phase I Inspection Report.
- d. Need for Additional Information. Additional investigations to further assess the adequacy of the dam and appurtenant structures are outlined below in section 7.2 Recommendations.

#### 7.2 Recommendations

In view of the concerns on the continued performance of this dam, it is recommended that the Owner employ a qualified consultant to

- a. evaluate the seepage and the pool of water at the downstream toe,
- b. conduct a detailed hydraulic analysis and evaluate the need to increase spillway capacity, redesign the flashboards, and raise the dam crest.

The recommendations on repairs and maintenance procedures are stated below under 7.3 Remedial Measures.

#### 7.3 Remedial Measures

- a. Alternatives. An alternative to the recommendations listed above and the maintenance procedures itemized below would be to drain the reservoir and breach or remove the dam.
- b. Operation and Maintenance Procedure. The dam and appurtenant structures are not adequately maintained. It is recommended that the Owner accomplish the following items.
  - (1) repair the eroded upstream and downstream slopes

- (2) replace and/or repair riprap
- (3) repair the leaking gate valve stem
- (4) remove brush and trees from the dam
- (5) clear all debris from the spillway
- (6) fill in all animal burrows
- (7) institute a definite plan for surveillance and a warning system during periods of unusually heavy rains and/or runoff
- (8) implement a systematic program of inspection and maintenance. As a minimum
  the inspection program should consist
  of a monthly inspection of the dam and
  appurtenances and supplemented by additional inspections during and after severe
  storms. All repairs and maintenance
  should be undertaken in accordance with
  all applicable State regulations.

# APPENDIX A PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

## PERIODIC INSPECTION

### PARTY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT Ramshom Pond Dam	,	DATE 6/12/78 -
		TIME 8:00am > 5:00 pm
		WEATHER Sunny, 75 → 85° F
PARTY:		W.S. ELEV. <u>627</u> U.S. <u>6099</u> DN.S Assumed benchmark elevation 627 top of flash boards
1. Ed Greco	_ 6	
2. Susan Pierce		·
3. Lyle Branagan		
4	_ 9	
5	_ 10	
PROJECT FEATURE		INSPECTED BY REMARKS
1. <u>Dam</u>		Ed Greco
2. Spillury		Lyle Branagan
3.		
4	·	
5		
6		
7.		·
8		· .
9		
10		

PROJECT Ramshorn fond Dam	DATE 6/12/78
PROJECT FEATURE Dam	NAME Ed Greco
DISCIPLINE Geotechnical	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITIONS
DAM EMBANKMENT	
Crest Elevation	varies from 631.5 to 635.61
Current Pool Elevation	627
Maximum Impoundment to Date	unknawa
Surface Cracks	cracks in pavement at crest
Pavement Condition	fair to good except at upstream face
Movement or Settlement of Crest	pavement at crest slightly irregular
Lateral Movement	none visible
Vertical Alignment	relatively flat
Horizontal Alignment	relatively straight
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	earth embankment at abutment - condition good; trees on uls face of right and left abutment
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	fence on upstream face in poor condition
Trespassing on Slopes	woodchuck hole on right embankment chipmunk hole in center of dam
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	erosion on upstream slope
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures	upstream face in poor condition erosion on road, fence settling
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or near Toes	several large boulders at toe, 100 fect south of gatehouse
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	dampness on slope, 50 feet south o spillway channel (see NOTE, page A-
Piping or Boils	none visible
Foundation Drainage Features	unknavn
Toe Drains	unknown
Instrumentation System	unknown
	page <b>A-2</b> of <b>6</b>

PROJECT Ramshorn Pond	DATE 6/12/78
PROJECT FEATURE Intake	NAME Ed Greco
DISCIPLINE Geotechnical	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE	
a. Approach Channel	stone retaining walls *
Slope Conditions	not visible
Bottom Conditions	ft es
Rock Slides or Falls	11 11
Log Boom	н И
Debris	
Condition of Concrete Lining	u a
Drains or Weep Holes	ą n
b. Intake Structure	stone headwall *
Condition of Concrete	not visible
Stop Logs and Slots	10 11
	* Rased on 1939 drawing showing

\* Based on 1939 drawing showing plan of Dam No. 30-21

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NOTE: Downstream seepage noted; small (8 x10 ft) pool of water at toe of right abutment; apparent stone headwall at head of seep.

Erosion of road at right abutment, down slope to toe; small seep at bottom of erosion gully, flow I gpm.

PROJECT Ramshorn Pond	DATE 6/12/78
PROJECT FEATURE outlet	NAME Ed Greco
DISCIPLINE Geotechnical	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - TRANSITION AND CONDUIT	
General Condition of Concrete	n/a
Rust or Staining on Concrete	. u
Spalling	
Erosion or Cavitation	•
Cracking	li .
Alignment of Monoliths	
Alignment of Joints	н
Numbering of Monoliths	· u

\* Gate house located on downstream slope: small wooden shed sits on circular dry stone well 7.5 ft diameter and 6.5 ft deep, water and silt in bottom.

Rack and pinion gear with handwheel, some flow visible

from packing around stem and casing.

Gate operated smoothly - water flowed from outlet pipe into channel.

When outlet gate value is closed there are 18 threads visible on the gate value stem above the frame. Mr Jenisti turned the handwheel to partially open gate value, and 22 threads were visible on the stem. Mr. Jenisti stated that the gate value would be fully opened when 24 threads were visible.

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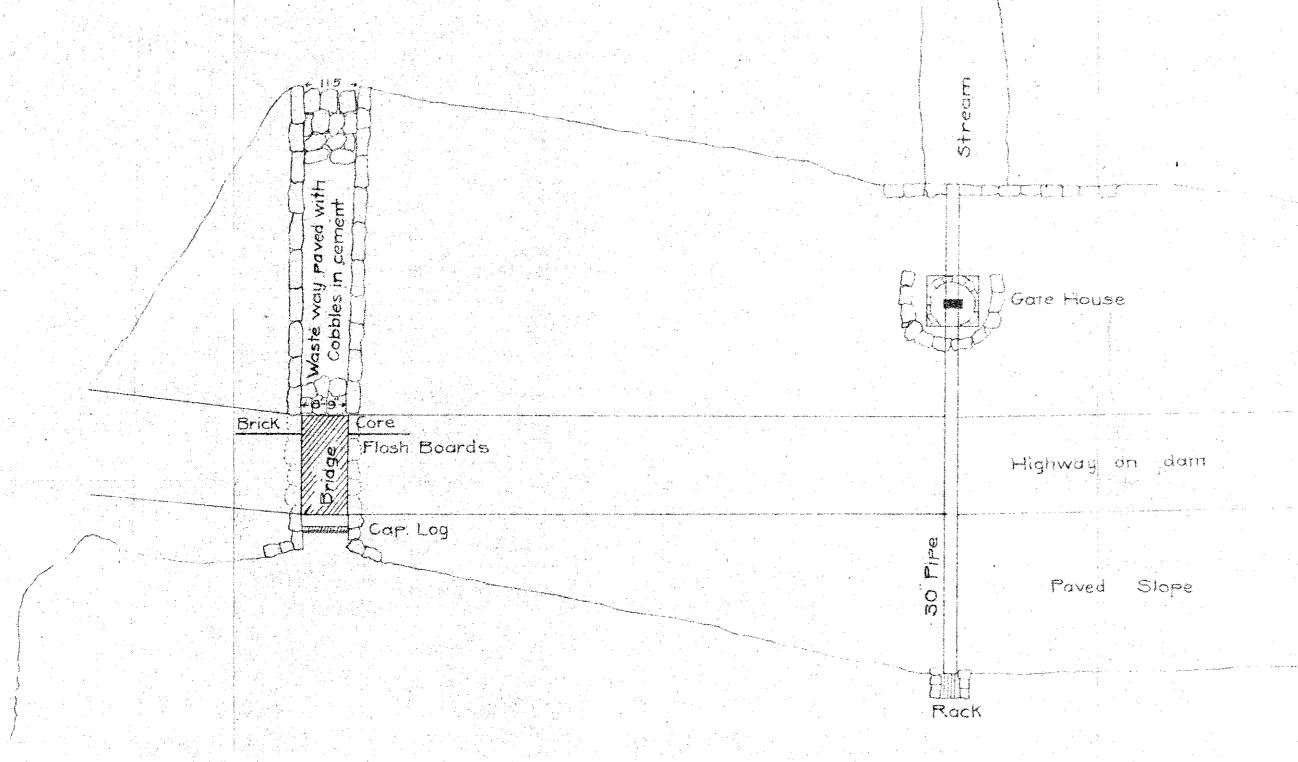
PROJECT Kamshorn rana	DATE 6/12/78
PROJECT FEATURE Outlet wall	NAME Ed Greco
DISCIPLINE Geotechnical	NAME
·	
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - CUTLET STRUCTURE AND OUTLET CHANNEL  General Condition of Concrete	Mortared stone headwall: 24-inch cast iron pipe, top bent. Outlet partially covered, silt accumulating in stilling pool.
Rust or Staining	none visible
Spalling	stone in fair to good condition
Erosion or Cavitation	none visible
	none
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	slight seep at headwall, south side
Condition at Joints	mortar fair to good
Drain Holes	none visible
Channel	silt accumulation
Loose Rock or Trees Over- hanging Channel	small trees and brush
Condition of Discharge Channel	fair - brush and silt accumulate

PROJECT Ramshorn Pond	DATE 6/12/78
PROJECT FEATURE Spilway	NAME Lyle Branagan
DISCIPLINE Hydraulics	NAME Ed Greco
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS	concrete approach in front of flashboards *
a. Approach Channel	stone and concrete headwall
General Condition	fair to good
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	none
Trees Overhanging Channel	none
Floor of Approach Channel	clear - no obstructions
b. Weir and Training Walls	Concrete and stone -walkway above bridge over spill way has concrete curbs in poor condition - probably salt
General Condition of	curbs in poor condition - probably
Concrete	fair to good
Rust or Staining	none except bridge
Spalling	minor, except on bridge
Any Visible Reinforcing	only an bridge - rusted
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	
Drain Holes	none
c. Discharge Channel	** mortared stone with 2-ft high walls
General Condition	fair to good
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	none
Trees Overhanging Channel	small trees
Floor of Channel	debris and vegetation
Other Obstructions	none
ye C	

<sup>\*</sup> Two flashboards - 19" total, 5 1-3/8-inch supporting pipes; gap between boards at right end allows water to flow through, minor evosion of concret also. \*\* 6-inch drain in wall below stepped channel on north side; flow about 5 gpm - source unknown

## APPENDIX B

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Dam Plan dated September 6, 1892 - Figure B-1	In	Pocket
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Charles Allen Engineer

# FIGURE B-1

WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORCESTER COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT PLAN OF
DAM
AT RAMSHORN POND
MILLBURY, MASS

FOR THE RAMSHORN POND CO. AS FILED AND APPROVED BY THE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEPT. 6, 1892

JUNE MEETING DOCKET 152

SCALE: IN. = 20 FT.

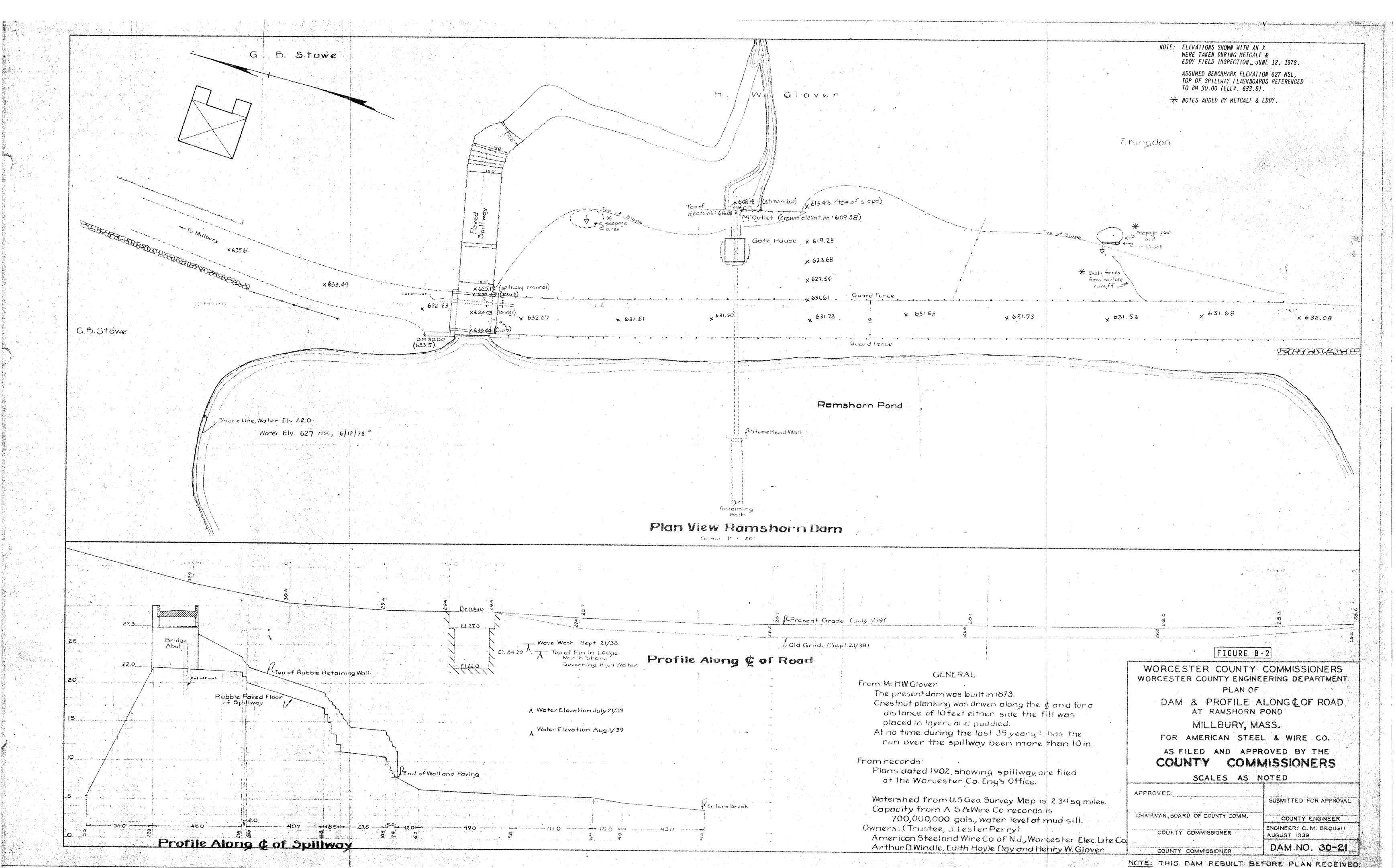
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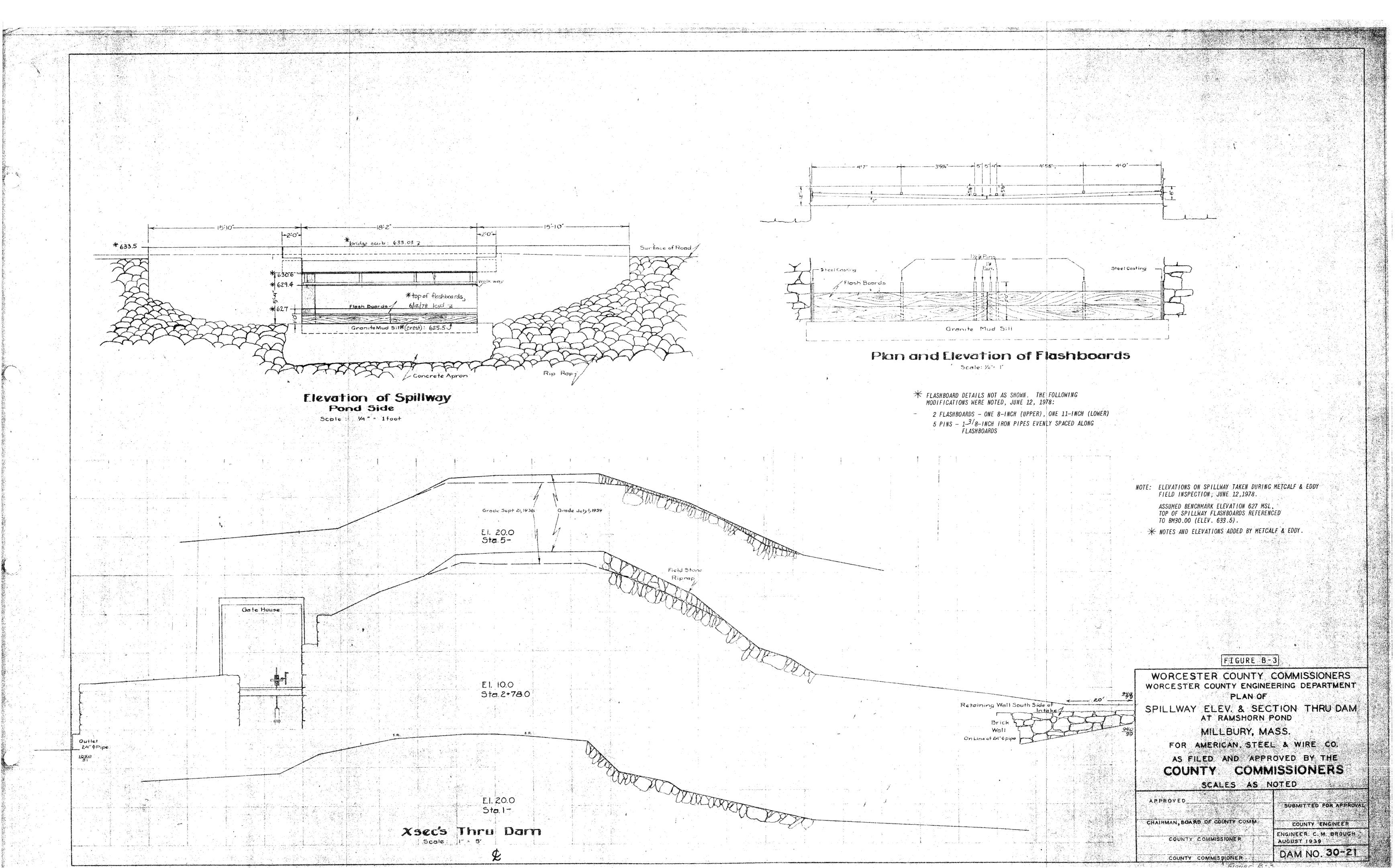
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A TRUE COPY William C. Bower

CLERK OF COURTS March 10 1934

Figure B-1





DECREE NO. 152 ST PLAN NO. **TOWN OR CITY** Millbury West Millbury - Ramshorn Pond . C. C. DOCKET NO. DESCRIPTION El. 100 Name of Main Stream Length " any other Streams Height Length of Watershed Thickness top abf= 2/ Width # emb= 2/. bottom is Watershed Cultivated 80 Downstream Slope Percent in Forests Upstream Riprap Steepness of Slope Length of Spillway Depth = 95.05% Kind of Soil ROCKY No. of Acres in Watershed Location of Gates 100' East Spillway II II II Reservoir Flashboards used (No BOARDS ON SPILLWAY) Length of Reservoir Yes Width Flashboards or Gates Width " 245 Dam designed by Max Flow Cu. Ft. per Sec. " constructed by Head or Flashboards-Low Water Year constructed J. Lester Perry Trustee . Work. Ramshorn Pond Co. - Am. Steel & Wirt Co. Docket #152. Meeting, June-1892. Filed Sept 6188 Inspected : Sept. 20, 1924- L.O. Marden Traced by: L.C.Farrar-Feb.21, 1936. Mass. Electric Checked by: L.O. Marden - Feb. 27 1936. Nov. 15, 1928 Attested by: William C. Bowen, C. of C. Mar. 1938 Charles Allen-Engineer. March 1, 1939- W. O. Lindquist. Patrok Inspected: Dec. 12.1940. L. H. Spofford -St. John · Herholz. Sept. 23 1938 W. O. Lindquist Inspected: Not. 26,1941 Measured 28. 1939 · L. H. Sarki · M. F. Hunt

PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS (PARTIAL LISTING)

COPY OF INSPECTION CARD ON FILE AT THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DISTRICT OFFICE, WORCESTER.

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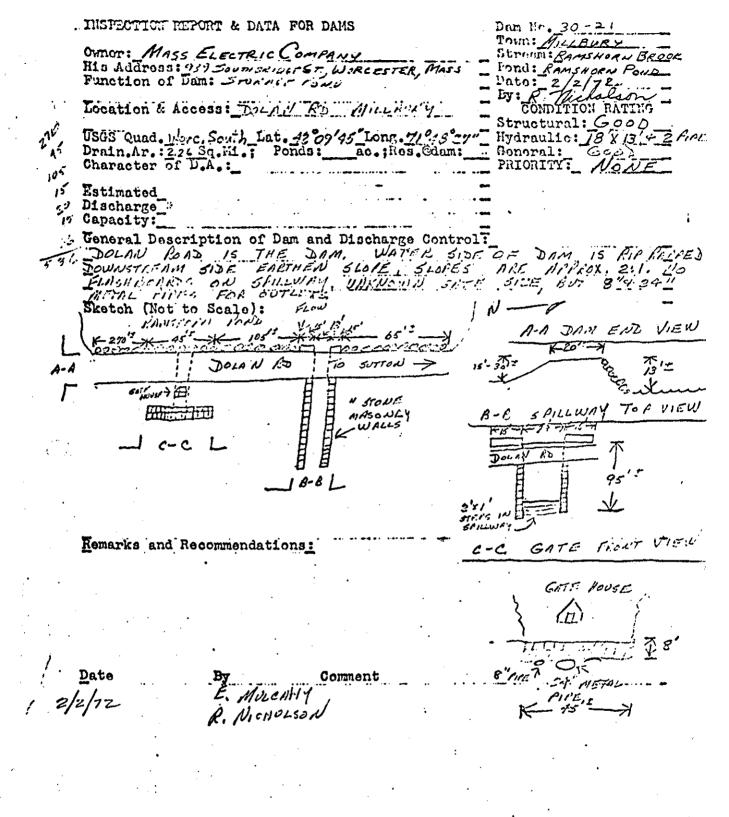
Mar. 25, 1963 W.O.L.-G.SC. Vol. 8, 19470 Dec. 1825 - Accepted by Court
proposed dam for Blackstone Canal Corp
Ramshorn Pond on land of Stephen
Blanchard, Elisha Vacobs, et al.
Ramshorn Pand Co. Assocration
85% of the Rights of the Am. Steel
& Wirt Co. taken over by the Mass.
Electric Association.

MASS ELECTRIC COMPANY
939 SOUTHBRIDGE ST.
WORLESTER, MASS.

PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS (PARTIAL LISTING)

COPY OF INSPECTION CARD ON FILE AT THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DISTRICT OFFICE, WORCESTER.

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Dam No. 3-14-186-21

Lassachusotte Slectric Company 939 Southbridge Etrect Worcestor, Massachusetta

> RE: Inspection - Dam #3-14-105-21 Hillbury Ranshorn Pond Dam

#### Gentlement

As requested by representatives from the Town of Millbury, a visual inspection of the above dam was conducted by an engancer from the Managenesetts department of Public Lorks on Occuber 16, 1975. Our records indicate that the Massachusetts blockric Co. Any is the owner. Will you please notify this office if this information is not current.

The inspection was nade in accordance with Chapter 253 of the Massachusetts Coneral Laws, as smented by Chapter 595 of the Acus of 1970 (Dans-Hafaty Aut).

The results of the impection indicate that repairs and/or withhis are needed. The following conditions were noted that require accordion:

- Lo At the vice of inspection the gate house was locked and it could not be determined if the gate is operative. Whe gate should be checked and required or replaced if hecessary.
  - 2. The ripray blanket along the upstream embankment of the fam (bolon Ream) is in generally poor condition with neveral slumped arons. This appears to be the result of emerc action and earlies runoff and the lock of an active faliaterance program, then subjects of surface runoff (paved waterways) and realigning the ripray or the placing of additional scane is recommended.
  - 3. Remove the growth of brush and trees from the embankment of the dam.

- 4. There is a burrow hole and some minor surface erosion which should be filled with suitable material, properly compacted and graded.
- 5. At the demostream toe mean the southerly end of the day there is a pool of standing water about 0 ft. in diameter and neveral feet deep subjector to what appears to be a stone herewall. The cause of this pool could not be determined but an investigation followed by the necessary corrective action is recommended.
- 6. The 24 sluiceway (with full flow at the time of inspection) was recurring the downstream enamed and embrashest alope. Some type of stilling harin, remargy bissipator or rigrap blanket should be constructed to correct this problem.
- 7. Some of the empatones from the spillway sidewalls are missing and should be replaced. The spillway floor has brush growing through the joints which should be closed and realed. The north sidewall at the cownstream and should be repaired.

It is our understanding that a transfer of everyship of the dem is contemplated. It is recommended that the services of a Registered Professional Civil Engineer experienced in the design, estimated and construction of less to obtained and an in-depth impaction—evaluation be sade.

No call these conditions to your attention so that proupt action may be made to correct these deficiencies. Once the regains are under a regular program of inspection and maintenance should be established. If we may be of assistance, please contact us. Him may correspondence to please include the number of the day as indicated above.

Vory truly yours,

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ues milibury Bourd of Delectmen Haydon, harding & Buchanan, Inc. Haldher Association J. J. Lyons ROBERT T. TIERNEY, P.E. Chief Engineer

### DESCRIPTION OF DAM

	DISTRICT 3
Submitted by W.REGAN	Dam No. 3-14-186-21
Date 10/20/75	CHAY/TOWN Millbury
	Name of Dam RAMSHORN POND
1. Location: Topo Sheet No. 21	B (Worcester So. QUAD)
Provide 82" x 11" in clear co Dam clearly indicated.	opy of topo map with location of
2. Year built: 1873 Year/s of	subsequent, repairs 1935
3. Purpose of Dams Water Supply _	Recreational & Road Emb.
. Irrigation	Other
4. Drainage Area: 2.33	sq. mi.
5. Normal Ponding Area: 120±	acres; Ave. depth 17% t (Competed) (When W.S. Elex = Spillway)
Impoundment: 100 Hillion (When W.S. Elev. = Spillion	(When W.S. Elex : SPIllway  gals.;  Ay Crest)  ted adjacent to pond or reservoir
'a	iomes, etc. 90 t Residences
7. Dimensions of Dam: Length 50	
Slopes: Upstream Face	J See ATTACHED
Downstream Face	SKETCH
B. Classification of Dam by Mater	ial:
Earth Conc. Masonr	y Stone Masonry
Timber Rockfill	Other RIP RAP U.S. FAC
9. A. Description of present lan  80 % rural;	d usage downstream of dam:  Residential flight Indus:
#B. Is there a storage area or	flood plain downstream of dam which
here is a carge amount of	Stringe between DoLan Rd, 9 mills
IN The meadows N. of S. of Co	exletion St. However Drainage Ar:
and Impounded Volume is	large and Dolan Rd (white a stry of world Wash out. Heavy
sidential Property Damage	@ Hallbery Sh 15 Certain

to life	and property in event of complete failure.	61
No. of	people Remote Threat of loss of life Vic. H	illbury St
	homes >10	•
	Businesses	
No. of	industries  All Utilities over & under  utilities Delan Rd. & Millbury St Type	·
No. of	utilities Dolon Rd. & Millbury St Type	<u> </u>
	ids I R.R. Line 31 mi. Dewnstream	
Other o	iams Auburn # 4 (Panduille Pond)	
Other	Rte. 20 1s 31 mi, D.s.	

11. Attach Sketch of dam to this form showing section and plan on  $8\frac{1}{k}$ " x 11" sheet.

12. How to Eccate: W. B. ON Rte. 20 (Auburn), Turn LT. ONto

Elm St. 21/4 this beyond Word. Line.

TRAVEL 11/3 this To Oxford Rd.

Intersection (millbury). Torn LT. Onto

Dolan Rd., Travel. 11/2 this. To Dam

Which is Formed by Dolan Rd. Emb.

## INSPECTION REPORT - DAMS AND RESERVOIRS

1.	Locations Otty Town Millbury		Dem No. 3.14.186-21
• •	Name of Dam RAMSHORN P	OND Inspec	ted by REGAN, RIZKALI
		Date of Inspec	tion 10/16/75
2.	Owner/s: per: Assessors		• .
	Reg. of Deeds	Pers	Contact
•	1. MASS. Electric Co. 939 South	bridge St. Worc	ester MASS
	Name Copy To: St. & No.		· ·
Abutting 7	2. Board of Selectmen, N Name & St. & No.	City/To	wn State Tel, No.
PROPERTY S	Name & St. & No.  RAMSHORN Association & R.  Name St. & No.	F.D. # Z GRIGO	s Rd., Sutton, MASS.
41	Caretaker (if any) a.g. superint		$t \rightarrow -$
	by absentee owner, appointed by		
	Name:	St. & No.1	
	City/Town:	States	Tel.No.:
4.	No. of Pictures taken		
5.	Degree of Hazard: (if dam should	·	
	1. Ninor	2. Moderațe	· · ·
	3. Severe	4. Disastrous	
	* This rating may change as land	use changes (f	uture development)
6.	Outlet Control: Automatic	Manual 🚩	
	Operative Appare	utly yess	No.
	Comments: GAte Shed Locked - Accessable for IN.		
7.	Upstream Face of Dams Conditions		
	1. Good	2.	linor Repairs
	•		rgent Repairs
•nn	Comments: RIP RAP FACE T		r Condition To FAIR Condition
	Top 1/2 has Slid downwi	ard @ Var	1. us locations
	Edge of Rd. Failing;	Lingitudinal	Cracks IN Edge.
	of Rd 2'I From Edga	Indicate 5.9.	material Stomping
• • • •	Remove growth of TR	Failurg Ver	y likely

8. Downstream Face of Dams	
Condition: 1. Good	2. Minor Repairs
3. Najor Repairs V	
Comments: Heavy Growth of Tre  I harge Animal Burrow Noted  At a few locations, Bottom 1/2 -  Sutvented at Various Location  9. Therefore Spillway:	es & brush should be removed, minor Amount of Surface Eros 13 of Slope (and Areas beyond Tic) 101
Condition: 1. Good	2. Minor Repairs
3. Major Repairs	4. Urgent Repairs
Comments: Some Sidewall Capstone and overourden From Top of Spillway Floor (Seal open Joints of N. Sidewall (D d.S. Extremity 10. Water Level at time of inspection	thissing (Replace), Remove growth Sidewalls, Remove brush growing to with Cem. grout), Repair damage To 13/2 ± ft. above below V
top of dam	principal spillway CRest
• other_	
11. Summary of Deficiencies Noted:	
Growth (Trees and Brush) on Em	bankment
Animal Burrows and Washouts _0	ne Animal Burrow Noted
Damage to slopes or top of dam	<u> </u>
Cracked or Damaged Masonry http:	ior Damage - Spillway
Evidence of Seepage	• 1
Evidence of Piping See (12)	
Erosion V	
Leaks Sec (12)	
•	W Minor Amount of Debris IN Spille
Clogged or blocked spillway 5	

12. Remarks & Recommendationss (Fully Explain)

This inspection was initiated at the Request of a Consultant (Hayden, Harding, and Buchanow) retained by The Town of Hillbury To Advise The Town regarding Possible Acquisition of The dam From thross. Electric. Another group forstly interested in the Acquisition of This dam is the Ramshorn Association (Property owner Abuting. The Impoundment).

Any PARTY Planning To Take Title To This dum Shoul Consider The Cost or rectifying The Aforementioned deficiencies and also would be Well Advised To retain a Consultant Engineer experienced in Design restoration cearth Dams.

The Following Should be Considered by The Consultan.
IN The Course of his Testing & INSpection:

O The Cutoff is an OAK PLANK Core WALL 102 Year. Old. It Seems probable that this is in an advanced State of deteriorotion, but determine of its Condition is Not by means of a Visual Inspect Upper Pool Elevation is 31/2't below the Spillway invertand There is Still Saturation of Portions of the downstream Face & downstream Areas beyond The Toe of Slope.

13. Overall Conditions (Continued on Sheet 3A)

1.	Safe		<u></u>
2.	Minor repairs needed	<b>V</b> .	
з.	Conditionally safe - ma	njor repairs needed	:
4.	Unsafe	•	./-
5.	Reservoir impoundment n	o longer exists (explain)	
•	Recommend removal from	inspection list	<u> </u>

\*\* Note: Exact determination Should be made Through an indepth inspection.

(12) (continued)

- Inspection Report
- The Department's 2/2/72 showed and

  8" Pipe emerging beyond the Balanced Cut.

  grouted Fieldstone downstream Headwall.

  Field inspection Reveals that This pipe 15.

  No longer in Evidence. There is a Steady discharge

  From a point Approximately located where

  This pipe Should be. Above This point

  There is leakage Through The Toe of the

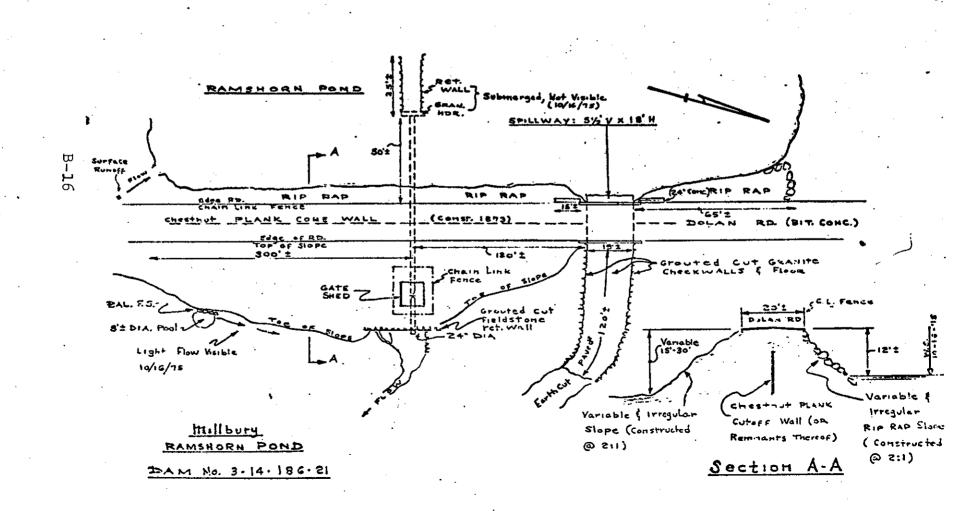
  Headwall. Deltas of Silt are Visible

  IN The Pool downstream of The Headwall
  - The Time of inspection) is Scouring a hole to below its discharge End. Some Kind of Stilling Pool (energy dissapatore) Should be constructed there.
  - At The downstream Toe near the Southerly End of The dam There is an 8' ± dial Pool several Feet deep adjacent To what appears To be a balanced Field Stone headwall. This would indicate The existance

12-4) (Continued) .

of an old Stone box Sluice, But The 1939 Plan (an Record @ The County Engineers) which Shows The dam Substantially in It's Present Form, Shows No Such Structure. There is light Flow out of This pool.

Northward along The descending Toe of The d.S. Slope.



# APPENDIX C PHOTOGRAPHS



NO. 1 - SPILLWAY INLET AND HEADWALL



NO. 2 - FLASHBOARDS AND WALKWAY AT SPILLWAY INLET



NO. 3 - SPILLWAY CHANNEL UNDER DOLAN ROAD UPSTREAM VIEW



NO. 4 - UPSTREAM DAM FACE SHOWING EROSION AT TOP OF SLOPE

### APPENDIX D

### HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

Project Nat Review of Non-F. Dams Acct. No. 5864

Subject Worcesten, Ma. Area Comptd. By LEB

Date 6/6/78

Detail Ramshorn Pond Dam Ck'd. By EMG Date 6/26/78

[Gen. Reference: "Open Channel Hydraulics" Ven Te Chow]

Eroad Crested Spillway - Q= CLH" [Ref. pp. 360-362]

C= 3.27 + 0.4 H ; L= L'-0.1 NH

H= Physical Water Head on CREST (hu not included)

h= Weir Height, L'= Mersured Crest Length

## Assumptions

For Floods or Peak Flows, H ~ 0.5 ", C=3.47 'L= 90% L'



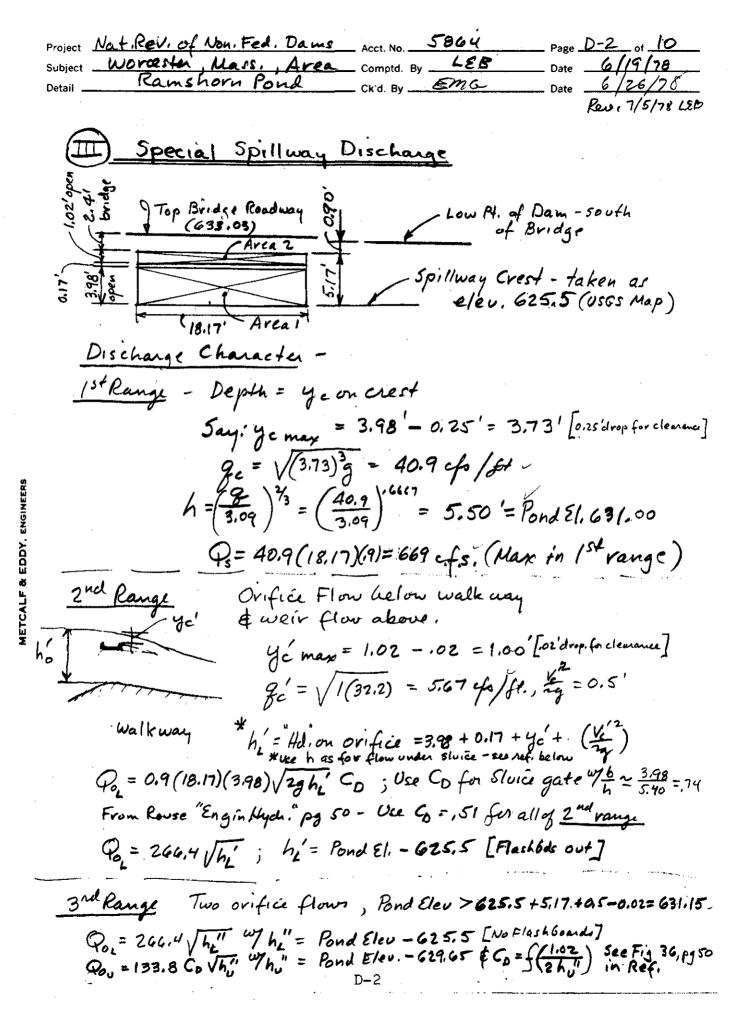
Flow over Crest of Dam - g= 3.475 [y+h] (H') [Ref pp 52.3]

g = Disch /ft. of width

H'\$ h' as defined above; y = h'+ H'

## Assumptions

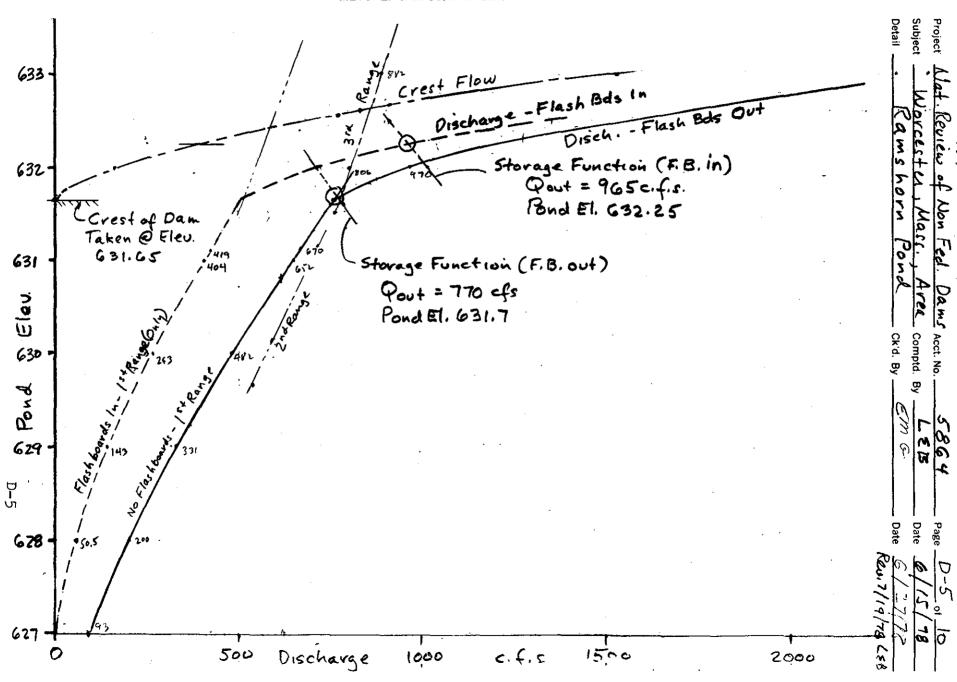
For Floods (flow over dam crest)  $H' = \frac{1}{6}h'$  [note  $h' \approx h + H$  in Item ( above )  $Y = \frac{7}{6}h' \notin \left[\frac{4}{4+h'}\right]^{\frac{1}{6}} = \left[\frac{\frac{7}{6}h'}{\frac{1}{2}h'}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.734$   $\frac{7}{6} = 2.55(H')^{\frac{3}{2}}$  Apply to Crest in steps where levels are roughly const.



Subject	lovcest amsho	en Mass	Dams Acct. No  L. Areacomptd. By  Ck.d. By  unge vs Pond	LEB Emo	Page D-3 of 10 Date G[15]78  Date 6/27/78  Rev 7/5/78 L&B
1st Ran	nge (	625.5 + 8"Flesh bds	o 631.1;	Ps =,9(18.	17) (7.04) H <sup>3/2</sup> = 50.53 H <sup>3/2</sup>
FondEl.	HA	Qs ef	Her	Q ets	
627.0	0	70 ×	1.5	93	
628.0	<i>t</i> .	50,5	2,5	200	
629.0	2	143	3.5	331	
630.0	3	263	4.5	482	
631.0	4	404	5,5	652	
631.1	4.1	419 /	5.6	670	

2nd Range	632.	su to	632,65;	Quu = Va	(ves from Hydn. Tables of p = 8' 8.17) = (6.35'
Pond Eleu.	hú	Pau	hi	Por	Total Q
629.65	0	· <b>O</b>	4.15	543	543
630.15	0.5	45	4.65	574	619
631.15	1.50	93	5.65	633	726
3rd Ran	ge Abo	rue 432	,45		
Pond Elev.	hu"	C <sub>o</sub>	Qu h'	$Q_{\scriptscriptstyle L}$	Total Q
631.50	1.87	0.63	115 6,00	653	768
632.00	2.35	0.62	127. 6,50	679	804
633.00	3,35	0.62	152 7,50 D-1		882

635.03 -633 -632	20'		·	310'	-				Flow over	Project Nat. Rev. of Non-Fes subject Worcester, Mas Detail Ramshorn Por
-631 -630	Pcz = 2.	55 (201	(He,) 1/2 =	at El 190.5(H, 1 <mark>78.1</mark>	5Hez -	some 631 abour 6	,65 32,0		dam crest	Acct. No Acct. No Comptd. By Ck'd. By
629.48	Pc3 = 2.  Eleu.  631.65  632.0	He, 0 ,35	+70) He3	Heir -	Pc2 -	Hcz	32.4 Фе 3	EQ 0 164		5864 Page L LEG Date C
Gz.s.	632,56 632,60 632,65 633,00	,91 ,95 1,00 1,35	732 790 1240	0.56 0.65 1.00	75 83 94 179	0.16 0.20 0.25 0.60	16 - 23 - 32 - 118 -	777 - 83 <b>8</b> - 916 - 1537		6/19/78 126/26



Project Nat, Review of Non.F. Dans Acct. No. 5864

Subject Wovcester, Mass., Area Comptd. By LEB

Date 6/19/78

Detail Ramshorn Pond Dam Ch'd. By EMG

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# VI) Peak Flow Rates

Measured Pond Areas - 0.215 mi

Estimated Swamp " - 0.205 "

Total Pis Area 0.420 mi

Drainage Area 2.40 mi

Ratio Pis Area = 0.42 = 0.175 - 17.5% Pis

Slope of D.A. less P.Es; Area = 2.40 - .42 = 1.98 mi

Est. 0.30 mi 2 @ 117. slope } Ave. slope 5.9 - Say 6%

1 1.68 " " 57. "

Using Maxi Prob. Flood - Peak FlowRates as supplied by C. of E. and as amplified by MEE-

For 2.4 mi D.A. - est P.F.R.@ 1700 c.f.s./mi2

For Size of Dam: Inflow Test Flood = 1 (1700) (2.4 mi2) = 2040 cfs.

TII Storage Function  $Q_{\text{Final}} = 2040 \left(1 - \frac{S_F}{4.5}\right) = 2040 - 3005 = F$   $5 = D12 \left(\frac{0.19}{2.4}\right) = 0.95 D$ 

5 = Storage in terms of inches on D.A.; D = Storage Depth in Feet

A-Flash Boards In: Elev. 632', Qout= 730, S=4.75", F=1019 cfs > Qout
Elev. 632.5, "=1350, S=5.22", F=917 " < Qout
From Disch-Elev. Curve: Q=965cfs M Pond @ El. 632.25

B-Flash Boards Out: Elev. 631.65, Qout = 750, S = 5.84", F = 784 cfs 7 Qout Elev. 632.0, Qout = 970, S = 6.18", F = 712 " < Qout From Disch-Elev. Curve: QF = 770 cfs "/Pond @El. 631.7

C-Crest Flow - Flash Boards In - only  $g = 2.55(632.28-631.65)^{1.5} = 1.19 cfs$ .  $y_c = 0.35^{1}$ ;  $V_c = 3.4 fps$ .

Nat. Review of Non Fed. Dams Acct. No. 5864 Worcester, Mar, Area Comptd. By LEB RAMSHORN POND DAM CKID BY EMG 100 yr Freg. Storm Runoff Pond Elev. 4 Flow Rate Using 4.7in in 6 hrs as the 100 yr, frequency rainfall and a minimum infeltration rate of 0.18 in/hr. (50% type B & 50% type C solls) for a loss in 6 hours of 1.1 inches.) the P.F.R. for 100 yr. is est. as: (4.7-1.1) (4080) = 820 cfs 100 yr P.F.R. #1 (5ee below) With Q = 820, Pond Elev = 632.05, Stor. = 11.4 in. mi. on Pond or Storin = 4.75 in on water shed. Since above Runoff for 100 yr. storm was based on 4.7-1.1= 3.6 iii on basin, recalculate 100 yr P.F.R. as follows: B-1: Max To based on 5000 @ 3.1% Slope to Swamp, plus 2200' @ 0.5% slope thru swamp. (UseFig 3-1, S.C.S.-T.R. No 55) V, = 0.45 fps. Tc, = 5000 = 3.09 h. V2=0.5 fps. Tc2= 2200 = 1.22 " Say Tc = 4.3 h. -2: 100yr - 3hr rainfall = 3,8 in = 1,27 in/h. . 100 yr - 6hr. 11 = 4,7 in = 0.78 . ... Interpolate 4.3 hr vainfall from: (Rainfall) = Hours 4.3 h. rainfall = 4.24 in -3: Vol. of Runoff in 4.3hr. 474.24 in of vain Stor, = 0.42 mi2 (4.24") + [4.24"-4.3(0.18)] (2.40-0.42) = 8.64 in mi2 Pond Elev. = 630,8; Q, = 620 cfs - 100 yr P.F.R.#2

Project Na	it. Review	<i>u</i> .				_	Р	age <u>D-8</u>	of <u>10</u>
Subject	Ramsh					EMG		<u> </u>	77/20
Detail	11000012	<u> </u>		Ck'd.	ву		U	Rev. 7/19/	TO LEBX
(VIII)	100 yr	Freq. 9	storm	Runof	? Por	ndLeu	el E Pe	ak Flow	Rate
(i)	Assem	e Infilt	ration O*		in/h	u. (50	2B+50	0% C Soils	·5.c·s.)
Hours	E Total Rainfall	ERunoff (iù)	ERIO VOI	Poud Elev,		Disch in mi-	Correctes Elev.		Max Disch
0,5	2.2"	2.1"	5.1	629.25	*	0.14		4.96	- 1
1,0	2.7"	2.5	6.1	629:60 ( (420)	395	0,30	629.45	5.66	
2.0	3,3"	3.0	7.3	630.00	451	0,70	629,70	6.16	43040
3.0	3.8"	3,3	8-1	(494)	469	0.76	629.70	6.20)	•
6.0	4.7"	3.6"	9.1	(500)	498	2.31	629,15	4.89	
12.0	5.7"	3,6	9.5	* .				•	
240	6.8"	2.5"	7.8						
* Col. @	) = 2,4 m	k' × B	+ 0.4	2 mi * (A	) <b>- (B</b> )	toel	iù. runo	ff in pon	d.

From Above Q=430 ets, 100 yr P.F.R. #3

# (I)

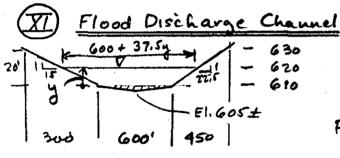
## Dam Failure Wave

Storage @ Spillway Crest: 700,000,000 gal. = 2148 Ac. ft. Storage above Spillway to El. 632,45: 12.6 in mi = 672 " "

Total Stored @ Failure 2820 " "

Longth of Dam @ Mid Height = 295' 340% = 118' Yo = 632,45 - 616.8 = 21565

PP = \frac{8}{27} W\_b \sqrtg (Y\_0) = \frac{8}{27} (0.4)(295) \sqrt{32.2} (\$5.65) = 122834



A = 600 y + 37,5(1) y 2 + 1500

B = 600 + 37,5 y ~ Wet. Perim = P

(Approx 1600 dn.str.fr. dam)
Slope = 101 = 0.003448
51/2 = 0.05872

Flow thru swamp & wooded area Use u = 0.10 $V = \frac{1.49}{0.1} (.05872) R^{43} = 0.875 R^{43}$ 

Elev.	4	A	P	R 43	Vel.	φ	
610,0	€0	£1500	600	1.842	fps 1.612	ets 2418	
610.5	, s_	1805	618,7	2.042	1.786	3225	
611.0	10	2119	637.5	2,227	1,949	4130	
611,5	1.5	2442	656.2	2.401	2,101	5131	
612.0	2.0	2775	675.	2,566	2,246	6231	
613.0	5.0	3469	712.5	2.873	2514	8719	
614.0	4.0	4200	750.0	3.153	2.759	11589	
615.0	5,0	4969	762.5	3.489	3.053	15169	
617.0	7.0	6619	862.5	3.89	3.40	22533	486
613.0	910	8419	937.5	4.32	<b>3,78</b> D-9	31829	

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Nat. Review NonFed. Dams 5864 D-10 of 10 Worcester, Mass. Area LEB RAMSHORN POND DAM CKID BY Enic Vol. = (2 Reach) (Area of X-Sact) (43500) = Ac. ft. Cont Vol. = 0.07346 (Area) 620.0 Q vs Elev. (4) Elev, "4" - Stor & Elev. 615.0 610.0 15000 - O(c41) 5000 20000 Storage (ac.ft) 500 0 400 For Q = 12283, V = 320 Ac Ct. Trial Q2 = 12283 (1-320) = 10453; V2 = 280 Acf# Ave V = 300 Acft. .: Q2 = 12283 (1-300) = 10567 of @ Ave Depth of 3.7' Add 5' for L.P. in section Thus are depth @ center of flood = 8.7' Note: Depth below crest of dam 2 14.5' (from 1939 dwg.) - Suy 16' ("FI. Bek) Area of Surface = 0.19 mi = 121.6 ac. Assume Horiz Area Increases Linearly of Depth Area = Depth ( 121.6); A Vol = (An+Anx) - use 2' Increments 16 At Top Flash Board Depth 12 14 8 4 6 10 Z Aux (AL) 0 15.2 30.4 45.6 60.8 760 91.2 106.4 121.6 76,0 106,4 136,8 167,2 1976 Incr. Vol. 15.2 15,2 60.8 136.8 243,2 350.0 547,2 744.8 972.8 Ac. ft. : Storage @ Failure = 973+672=1645 Acft Trial 02 = 12283 (1-320) = 9894 ys. , V2 = 270 , V= 590 = 295 Q= 12283 (1-295) = 10080 cfs; y= 3.5' Not Much Difference

# APPENDIX E

## INVENTORY FORMS